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IN GOD WE TRUST

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PROLOGUE

Creation as we know it is often referred to as an act of God. And as it turns out, there are things that even God must know in order to create properly, and in order to get that knowledge, it comes from education, experience and eventually wisdom. This realm of the eternal, ethereal university is beyond our comprehension; but in the end we must succumb to what we are made of and even God, who loves and cherishes our existence gets frustrated with our tendencies to give in to the evil of our emotions. For our destiny is in constant scrutiny we suffer—but luckily, we find that redemption in the 5th dimension is much more common than you would think.

Upon graduating from the University of Higher Beings, God received his very own Universe. And that afternoon, he was engrossed in the construction and organization of making it functional. He had promised to keep in touch with his closest friends, the other Gods from the university, and after five days of non-stop work, he decided to take a well deserved break. He contacted his closest friend, who had been given the universe next to his.

"How are you doing, dear friend," he inquired with such wonder and enthusiasm. God spoke telepathically, as he had learned at the university.

"Wonderful!" his friend was energetic and motivated, "I never imagined the satisfaction, the gratification, and the reward of feeling so complete from creating! My beings are so intelligent, it's unbelievable! They have managed to eradicate world hunger, they live peaceably amongst themselves on their planets and are now working on ways to visit other universes, and other galaxies!" his excitement was remarkable, "Unbelievable, I tell you."

God was truly impressed and could even feel the happiness of his friend though the telepathy. They basked in the joy that brought warmth to their omniscience and eminence between them. His friend finally asked, "Please, tell me how your beings are doing? How is your universe coming along? Tell me about yours...your beings, are they well?"

God felt slightly ashamed to admit that he had not yet created beings to populate his own universe. He was following all that he had learned, but didn't seem to be moving as expeditiously as his friend, "May I ask first, what kit did you receive?" his curiosity superseded his answer. "It must be rather advanced for them to have accomplished so much in such a short time. Why, to tell you the truth, I've only just finished creating my first planet and it's taken me all of five days to do that."

"I was given the latest model, but of course by now it's obsolete. Have you heard of what they have come up with since we graduated? It's remarkable, really. As I understand it, the kits they have now practically require nothing of the Gods."

"No, I haven't telepathed with anyone since graduating. I suppose I have been working too hard the last few days. I guess I must have received a much older model for my kit. Then again, I'm not complaining," he sounded proud of his kit, "if I remember correctly, we were taught to do with what we had and what we were given to work with. You know, some of the older models have a little more flexibility," the thought was nostalgic and fascinating to the other God. Such a consideration brought joy to his telepathy.

"So true," said his friend, laughing, "but don't be surprised if you receive visitors in your universe soon. They'll be taking off any time now." There was such pride in his friend's thoughts that God felt proud right along with him. They shared this enlightenment for a moment and then resigned to contentment.

They exchanged their love for each other and then disengaged their telepathy. On the sixth day, God decided to finally create his being. The kit instructed him that this first being was to be created from the earth of the planet, and by mixing a little water from the vast oceans. Doing so, he was able to create a small figure. The instructions from the kit informed him that this was man, a human being.

God marveled at his size and proportions, for although the man was small, he thought of him as perfect. Feeling a great love for his new human being, God spent many happy hours with him, almost forgetting that his universe still needed his attention. But soon, there were awkward pauses in the conversation for lack of anything new to say. God had been warned at the university that he was not allowed to tell his being where he came from in any detail, or to discuss any other information outside his own universe. In one of God's conversations with the

man, the man cited that he saw the animals had companions and that he did not. When God listened, he could tell there was distress in the man's voice.

God decided that this was a sign that he had taken their relationship as far as it could go for the time being, so God turned to the instructions in the kit and went on to the next step. Accordingly, the man was right in his observations and that a woman needed to be created for his companionship. God quickly placed the man into a deep sleep not wanting to upset the balance of his universe, and from him he took a rib and created a woman. When the man awoke and saw the woman, he found her to be beautiful and a wonderful companion. Both the man and the woman seemed to have a natural and eternal love for each other which was what God had expected. Delighted at their happiness, God quickly telepathed his friend who replied how pleased he was that his beings were doing so well.

Excited, God moved on to the next step: the temptation test. God's expectations were high and as such God's happiness was short lived. They failed the test miserably. Heart-broken, he was forced to expel them from the paradise he had made for them and promised to further punish them for their disobedience. God was distraught and feeling wretched at this. He was forced to call upon his friends for moral support, whose own universes and beings were flourishing. When comparing his human beings to their superior, creative beings, his seemed weak in thinking, even simple minded, unable to learn anything from the lessons he so tirelessly tried to instill in them. It seemed hopeless that they were either unwilling or unable to learn and his misery turned to frustration, and then finally anger.

He sent floods, disease and plagues of locusts. He appeared to them often, scolding them, demanding their obedience, until finally his punishments seemed so useless, he found himself begging for their help in trying to better their existence. Still, they were shameless in their behavior and there were even those who denied God existed.

It was the denial of his existence that hurt God most. It caused him endless grief. Had he not created them? Was he not trying his best with what he had been given at the university? When he realized that his anger was poisoning his actions, he obtained a sabbatical, leaving a lesser, inexperienced God, named Lucifer in charge. Lucifer accepted the assignment, not yet having graduated from the university; he knew this experience would help him to master the creation of his own universe some day.

There were other universes and galaxies to visit; there were his friends from the university he could call upon to discuss his ideas and experiences with the process of creation. In turn, God gained comfort and insight from their constructive feedback. The longest amount of time was spent was with his dear friend, the God whose universe was located next to his. Watching the progress of this universe was indeed remarkable. It was while he was staying with his friend in this universe that the long ago warning that was prophesized came true. The wonderful beings that God's friend created were able to actually cross over and land onto his own, planet Earth. It was magnanimous.

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